

Attachment 2

Eligible Applicant Documentation

2.1 *Is the applicant a local public agency as defined in CWC 10701(a)?*

The Sonoma County Agency (Water Agency) is a local public agency, as provided in CWC Section 10701(a). The Sonoma County Water Agency was formed in 1949 by a special act of California Legislature (Stats. 1949, c.994; West's Ann. Cal. Water Code §§ 53-1 et.seq.) The purposes for which the Water Agency was formed include water conservation, control and disposition of flood, storm and other waters of the district, and the generation of electricity; making water available for any beneficial use; furnish water for beneficial uses within and outside the district; produce, distribute and sell groundwater; provide recreation in connection with flood control and water conservation works.

2.2 *What is the statutory or other legal authority under which the applicant was formed and is authorized to operate?*

The statutory or other legal authority under which the Water Agency was formed and is authorized to operate is Stats. 1949, c 994, §3, West's Ann. Cal. Water Code § 53-3.

2.3 *Does the applicant have legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California?*

The Water Agency has the legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California by virtue of Stats. 1949, c.994; West's Ann. Cal. Water Code §§ 53-1 et.seq.

2.4 *Describe any legal agreements among partner agencies and/or organizations that ensure performance of the project and tracking of funds.*

a. Lead Agency of the GWMP

The proposed project addresses specific implementation activities identified in the non-regulatory Sonoma Valley Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP). Water Agency serves as the lead agency to track performance for the GWMP process, and under the LGA 2012 Grant (if awarded) Water Agency would continue to serve as the lead. As part of approving the GWMP, all of the cooperating agencies agreed to designate the Water Agency for this continued role. As such, Water Agency will continue to track progress of

GWMP implementation, and all aspects associated with compliance for any grant funding received.

b. Cooperative Funding Agreement

The primary governing agreement of the GWMP, managed by Water Agency, is a funding agreement between Water Agency and its local cooperative agencies, including the Valley of the Moon Water District, City of Sonoma, County of Sonoma Permit and Resource Department, Sonoma County Agricultural Preserve and Open Space District, and Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District.

The funding agreement, approved by all cooperating agencies, identifies Water Agency as the lead entity for preparing the GWMP, including oversight of technical consultants, coordination with DWR, and staffing of the GWMP process.

The purpose of the agreement is to provide a funding mechanism for implementing the GWMP, and to continue fostering a cooperative working relationship among the technical staff of the cooperating agencies, together with tools and protocols that will be necessary for the success of the groundwater management program.

Water Agency, as the lead agency for this effort, is responsible for achieving performance in compliance with the agreement. Failure to continue GWMP implementation would constitute a breach of contract.

c. Memorandum of Understanding between DWR and Water Agency

In June 2006 the Water Agency entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Water Resources to provide technical and facilitation support for the Sonoma Valley Groundwater Management Plan. The MOU recognizes the potential for improvement in groundwater management and for conjunctive management of groundwater and surface water resources. Under this MOU, the Water Agency has met or exceeded its commitments, including the development of a comprehensive stakeholder process to prepare and gain approval of a GWMP for the Sonoma Valley within 14 months. The DWR has saved facilitation costs due to the accelerated schedule and budget, and the GWMP completed by the Agency satisfies the requirements for groundwater management plan under the Water Code (Section 10752, et seq.).

d. DWR Approval of 2010 Urban Water Management Plan

The Water Agency's 2010 Urban Water Management Plan was approved on September 28, 2011, and is shown in Figure 2-1.


e. Consultant and Subcontractor Agreements

Water Agency will be the sole agency responsible for managing the proposed project, including its budget and schedule. It is anticipated that discrete tasks of the proposed project will be subcontracted to consultants and non-governmental agencies. If this project is approved for funding, these agreements will be made available to DWR. The Water Agency will be responsible for all subcontractor agreements. The cooperating agencies under the GWMP funding agreement would not have any contractual relationship in implementing or managing the proposed project.

Figure 2-1. DWR Approval of 2010 Urban Water Management Plan

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Mr. George Lincoln
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Dear Mr. Lincoln:

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has reviewed the Sonoma County Water Agency's (SCWA) 2010 Urban Water Management Plan received on July 20, 2011. The UWMP Act directs DWR to report to the legislature once every five years on the status of submitted plans. In meeting this legislative reporting requirement, DWR reviews all submitted plans.

DWR's review of SCWA's 2010 plan has found that the plan has addressed the requirements of the UWMP Act and SBX7-7. The results of this review will also be provided to DWR's Financial Assistance Branch.

If you have any questions regarding the review of the plan, SBX7-7, or urban water management planning, please don't hesitate to email or call.

Sincerely,



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CF/40-0-1 Urban Water Management Plan - 2010

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